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October 27, 2011

Dear Colleague:

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH), I invite you to share your ideas as we start work on our department's strategic plan for 2012-2017. DPH's strategic plan sets the overall direction and priorities for our department. Your ideas about what is most important for us to accomplish over the next five years will help us to develop the best possible plan.

DPH is reaching out to key opinion leaders and public health leaders who are committed to transforming the public health system in Los Angeles County to meet 21<sup>st</sup> century challenges. We would appreciate your input about strategic priorities for DPH and the factors influencing the public health system in Los Angeles County. Please complete our survey at the following link and share your ideas with us by Tuesday, November 15, 2011: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3PM57HQ>. The survey will take approximately ten minutes to complete.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Wendy Schiffer, MSPH, Director, Planning and Evaluation at [wschiffer@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:wschiffer@ph.lacounty.gov). Thank you for your participation and for your commitment to improving the health and well-being of all Los Angeles County residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jonathan E. Fielding".

Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.  
Director and Health Officer

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## Department of Public Health (DPH) Planning Survey

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On behalf of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH), I would like to invite you to share your ideas for DPH's upcoming planning process. Your responses will help set the overall direction and priorities for how DPH will improve the health and well-being of Los Angeles County residents over the next five years.

The survey should only take approximately ten minutes to complete. Certain questions marked with an asterisk ("\*") require a response, so please make sure you have answered each question.

In order to progress through this survey, please use the following navigation links:

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- Click the **Done** button to submit your completed survey.

Sincerely,

Jonathan E. Fielding, MD, MPH

Director and Health Officer

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

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## Department of Public Health Planning Survey 2012

[Exit this survey](#)**\* 1. How familiar are you with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH)?**

- ☐ Extremely familiar      ☐ Moderately familiar      ☐ Somewhat familiar      ☐ Slightly familiar      ☐ Not at all familiar

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**ABOUT DPH**

DPH works to protect and improve the health of the nearly 10 million residents of Los Angeles County. Through a variety of programs, community partnerships and services, Public Health oversees environmental health, disease control, and community and family health. Public Health comprises nearly 4,000 employees and has an annual budget exceeding \$750 million.

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**SETTING PUBLIC HEALTH PRIORITIES**
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Your input for the following questions about public health in Los Angeles County will begin to help DPH set the overall direction and priorities for how DPH will improve the health and well-being of Los Angeles County residents over the next five years. This prioritization process will also take into account, among other things, data on leading causes of death, disability and disease, as well as evidence-based interventions. Please use your knowledge and experience within public health or a related field as you assist the Department in identifying leading health areas and priority public health strategies.

**\*2. How satisfied are you that DPH is doing a good job in addressing the following essential services of public health?**

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral/Don't know	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Studying and reporting on population health status and public health issues facing the community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Investigating health problems to protect the community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Investigating environmental health hazards to protect the community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Informing and educating the public about public health issues	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Engaging with the community to identify and address health problems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Developing public health policies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Enforcing public health laws	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promoting strategies to improve access to health care services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maintaining a competent public health workforce	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Evaluating and continuously improving DPH processes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Evaluating and continuously improving DPH programs and interventions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Applying the evidence base of public health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral/Don't know	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Contributing to the evidence base of public health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maintaining administrative capacity to support DPH's activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maintaining management capacity to support DPH's activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maintaining engagement with DPH's governing entity (the County Board of Supervisors)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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**Leading Health Areas**

**\*3. Please indicate, according to your opinion, whether DPH should be doing *more, the same amount, or less* to address each of the following leading health areas.**

	More	Same amount	Less	Don't know
Built environment (availability of parks, safe & pedestrian-friendly streets, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Chronic Disease Prevention	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Climate Change (public health effects, including water- and vector-borne diseases, heat illnesses, air pollution, injuries from natural disasters, and water and food supply problems)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Emergency Preparedness and Response	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Environmental Health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health Disparities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Healthy Diet	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Infectious Disease Prevention	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Injury Prevention	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maternal and Infant Health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mental Health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Physical Activity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Responsible Sexual Behavior	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Substance Abuse	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tobacco	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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**4. Please rank, according to your opinion, the top five priority areas for DPH to achieve the greatest impact on the health of Los Angeles County's population.**

Top five highest priority areas

1st Highest Priority

2nd Highest Priority

3rd Highest Priority

4th Highest Priority

5th Highest Priority

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**Public Health Strategies**

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**\*5. Please indicate, according to your opinion, whether DPH should be doing *more, the same amount, or less* activities for each of the following public health strategies.**

	More	Same amount	Less	Don't know
Community Engagement (engaging with the community to identify and address health problems)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Consumer Protection Activities (for example, commenting on regulations and policies to promote and safeguard health)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Data Analysis and Dissemination	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Evaluating and Continuously Improving DPH Programs and Interventions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Focusing on Individual-level Root Causes/Determinants (i.e., conditions that affect an individual's health such as employment, poverty, education, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Focusing on Community-level Causes/Determinants (i.e., the health of social and physical environments in a community such as social support; "walkability;" accessibility of healthy foods; participation in arts, sports, and community activities; safety of neighborhoods; housing quality, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health Information Systems Management (does DPH have the electronic information systems in place to do our public health work, including data collection, data processing, reporting and use of health related information?)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mobilizing Partnerships	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obtaining and Using Data from Health Information Exchanges and Provider Electronic Health Record Systems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Developing Public Health Policies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Informing and Educating the Public about Public Health Issues	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promoting Evidence-based Preventive Medical Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promoting Strategies to Improve Access to Health Care Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	More	Same amount	Less	Don't know
Quality Assurance for Medical Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Research (studies to increase the public health evidence base)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Surveillance (systematic monitoring of the health status of a population)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Workforce Training	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**\*6. Please rank, according to your opinion, the top five priority strategies for DPH to achieve the greatest impact on the health of Los Angeles County's population.**

Top five highest priority strategies

1st

Highest  
Priority

2nd

Highest  
Priority

3rd

Highest  
Priority

4th

Highest  
Priority

5th

Highest  
Priority

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## Department of Public Health Planning Survey 2012

[Exit this survey](#)**DPH Strengths & Weaknesses**

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These next two questions ask you about **DPH's** organizational *strengths, assets, or opportunities* and *threats, barriers, or weaknesses*.

7. What do you consider to be DPH's **top strengths, assets, or opportunities** in its work to improve the health and well-being of individuals and communities in Los Angeles County?

8. What do you consider to be DPH's **top threats, barriers, or weaknesses** in its work to improve the health and well-being of individuals and communities in Los Angeles County?

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These next two questions ask you about factors external to DPH, including *strengths, assets, or opportunities* and *threats, barriers, or weaknesses* in Los Angeles County's public health system or nationally.

9. What factors do you consider to be the top strengths, assets, or opportunities affecting DPH's work to improve the health and well-being of individuals and communities in Los Angeles County?

10. What factors do you consider to be the top threats, barriers, or weaknesses affecting DPH's work to improve the health and well-being of individuals and communities in Los Angeles County?

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**\* 12. Indicate the degree to which you agree with the statement:**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
DPH is a trusted source of health information in the community.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**13. Do you have any comments or suggestions for DPH's upcoming planning process?**

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**\* 14. Please choose one of the following that best describes your role or professional affiliation?**

Role/Affiliation

Role or Affiliation

Other (please specify)

**\* 15. Indicate the type of position you hold in your employment?**

Type of Position

 Type of  
Position
 

Manager/Supervisor

Other (please specify)

**\* 16. Where do you perform most of your work? Choose all that apply.**

Antelope Valley Service Planning Area	San Fernando Valley Service Planning Area	San Gabriel Valley Service Planning Area	Metro Service Planning Area	West Service Planning Area	South Service Planning Area	East Service Planning Area	South Bay Service Planning Area	All Los Angeles County	Elsewhere in California	Other (please specify)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Area where you perform most of your work.

Other (please specify)

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## Contact Information (Optional)

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If you would like, please provide us with your name, organizational name (if any), and email address so we may keep you informed about DPH's upcoming planning process.

**17. What is your name?****18. What is your organization's name, if any?****19. What is your email address?**[Prev](#)[Done](#)

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